

I am writing to express my concern over the potential blocking of satellite radio's ability to provide local traffic and weather reports to their listeners. I only use satellite radio in my vehicle and don't even turn on a local station. It should be my right to have access to local weather and traffic information accross the medium (satellite radio v/s local broadcast) that I choose. This information is part of the public domain and only serves the greater good of the people listening. Therefore, as a public service the information should be disseminated to any and all media outlets that wish to provide it to their listeners and/or viewers. The question about commercial carriers must also be addressed. Many over the road truckers and commercial vehicles now carry satellite radio due to the long distances they travel and their wish to have a consistant listening experience while they travel. This in some small way improves public safety by allowing a driver to concentrate on the highway instead of looking for another radio station because they traveled outside of the broadcast zone for the local radio station with which they were listening. It also would not be in the publics best interest to limit the commercial drivers' ability to access local weather and traffic information. They are on the highway much more than private vehicle owners. Keeping with the "public good" theme; everyone would be better served by allowing private and commercial drivers to have access to this information by whatever means they so chose. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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